

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Shinji KISHIMOTO  
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Title: ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC APPARATUS  
Group: 3768  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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March 1, 2010

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed October 30, 2009. The statutory fee of \$130.00 is being electronically submitted to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135  
(Case No. 529.45475X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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